

CLAIMS:

WHAT I CLAIM AS MY INVENTION IS:

1. A cooking lid and utensil holder for temporarily storing a cooking lid or cooking utensil while cooking. The lid holder being adapted to hold a cooking lid in a generally vertical orientation and comprising:

a generally planar base, wherein no defined thickness be relevant, of which to place on a counter top or table surface.

a wall existing at a right angle and extending vertically at one end of said base, commensurable in height to the length of said base.

a second wall existing at a right angle and extending vertically at the opposite end of said in parallel to first wall.

a space existing between said first and second wall where a cooking lid may be placed, standing on its outer rim, and with its body leaning against one of the said walls.

2. The cooking lid and utensil holder according to *claim 1* comprising a channel or receptacle existing within the surface of said base, between said first and second wall, which extends at a right angle up one or both vertical walls in which to direct and retain condensation and fluids dripping from a cooking lid or utensil.

3. The cooking lid and utensil holder according to *claim 1* wherein first vertical wall contains an opening, originating at its top and continuing downward to approximately midway of said wall, and at a width necessary to receive a cooking lid knob or handle.

4. The cooking lid and utensil holder according to *claim 1* wherein the second vertical wall extending half the height of the first presents at a right angle an inward a projection or lip, the width of that wall, in which to prevent a cooking lid or utensil from toppling out of said holder.

5. The cooking lid and utensil holder according to *claim 2* comprising two raised ridges along the sides of said channel on which a cooking lid and/or utensil rests, wherein it remains elevated from condensation and/or fluids retained in said receptacle.

6. The cooking lid and utensil holder according to *claim 5* wherein a small v shaped notch exists along each raised ridge at the point said ridge meets the first vertical wall, wherein to permit placement of a knife or small utensil, or hold an oversized cooking lid in a more balanced and secure position.